	Delhi	*No. of branches branches as on 31.8.91 collecting bill*
6.	Dena Bank	21
7.	Union Bank of India	38
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Address by a JKLF Representative in UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

6898. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representative of the so called JKLF addressed the on-going session of the United Nations Sub-Commissions on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in Geneva; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). Under the aegis of a non-governmental organisation called "Liberation", a representative of the so-called JKLF addressed the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in Geneva on 13 August 1991 and alleged human rights violations and denial of the right of "self-determination" to the people of J & K. Exercising the right of reply the Permanent Representative of India to the UN office at Geneva rebutted the baseless allegations made and expressed strong objection to a terrorist organisation like the JKLF being allowed to misuse the auspices of a non-governmental organisation to issue threats of violence against India. The subversive and violent activities of JKLF were outlined and it was made clear that the right of self-determination was inapplicable to J & K which is an integral part of India.

Relief to Cyclone Victims in Bangladesh

6899. DR. P. VALLAL PERUMAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and value of relief provided to the victims of the cyclone which struck Bangladesh recently;

(b) whether any request was received from Bangladesh for the services of Indian engineers, doctors and other experts for the reconstruction work in that country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government decided to extend relief assistance worth Rs. 11.5 crores for the victims of the severe cyclone that struck Bangladesh on 29-30 April, 1991. To this amount a further Rs. 5,90,000/- (approx.) have been added by way of public contributions. Disbursement for relief supplies and supply of equipment for reconstruction of the Railway sector in Bangladesh is underway at present. The details of quantum of relief supplies are given in the statement below.

(b) There has been no request for experts from the Government of Bangladesh.

(c) Does not arise.